

**Election Expenses**

3611. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :  
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the details of expenditure incurred on the Parliamentary Elections held in 1996 by the Central/State Governments on publication of voters lists, ballot boxes and Election Commission's Observers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : The information is being collected from the States/Union Territories (with Legislature) and Union Territories (without Legislature) and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Shares Floated by Tea Gardens**

3612. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of tea gardens of districts Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar of West Bengal have been allowed to float shares in the market by SEBI;

(b) whether some of the Tea Gardens had already been treated as illegal and unauthorised by Government of West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the circumstances under which the SEBI have allowed these illegal and unauthorised Tea Gardens to float shares in the market?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Details of Tea gardens in the Districts of Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar that came up with public issues during the year 1995 are given below.

Name	Issue Size	(Rs. crores)
1. T & I Global	Rs.4.45 crores	January, 1995
2. Diana Tea	Rs. 8.94 crores	May, 1995
3. Hanuman Tea	Rs.8.50 crores	January, 1995

(b) and (c) SEBI has stated that it is not aware of these gardens being treated as illegal and unauthorised by the Government of West Bengal. However, SEBI makes sure that all negative factors about an issue are mentioned as risk factors in the prospectus. In project related public issues SEBI asks the issuer to mention the fact of non-receipt of approvals/pending approvals/no-objection certificates as risk factor on the front cover of the prospectus so that investors can take informed decisions.

**Tax Holiday to Taluk**

3613. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DALIPSINH GAEKWAD :  
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :  
SHRI HARIN PATHAK :  
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :  
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal received from the Government of Gujarat for reconsidering the backwardness of Taluka instead of District as a whole, as a parameter for sanctioning Tax Holiday under section 80 IA of Income Tax Act, 1961 is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the stage at which this proposal is pending; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter regarding considering the backwardness of Taluka instead of District as a whole, as a parameter for sanctioning tax holiday under Section 80 IA was referred to a Study Group constituted in the Ministry of Finance. The report submitted by the Study Group constituted in this regard was reviewed by another group. The review group has submitted its report which is under consideration of the Government.

**Delay in Logging DEEC Books at Customs**

3614. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether exporters have expressed their concern over delay in logging of their DEEC books;

(b) if so, whether in the absence of these books, exporters remain handicapped in redemption of legal undertaking and also in disposal of materials, etc.;

(c) if so, whether the passbook scheme for exporters introduced by the Government sometime back have created some hurdles; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The Government have received representations about some instances of delay in logging of DEEC Books in the Custom Houses, in the absence of which the concerned exporters cannot seek

redemption of Bonds/Undertakings executed by them nor can they dispose of goods imported under the DEEC Scheme.

(c) and (d) The introduction of Pass Book Scheme has not created any hurdles in the operation of DEEC Scheme or in respect of logging of the DEEC Books. However, instructions have been issued recently that logging of DEEC Books should be completed in a week after all relevant documents have been received and that the monitoring of pendency in this regard should be closely watched by senior officers.

#### **World Bank aid for Jharia Coalfield**

3615. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether twelve million U.S. dollars have been provided by the World Bank to make a detailed diagnostic study for dealing with Jharia Coalfields; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The World Bank has extended a credit of US \$12 million under the Jharia Mine Fire Control Technical Assistance Project for carrying out the diagnostic study relating to the fires in Jharia Coalfield and the preparation of environmental management plan for the Coalfield.

(b) The diagnostic study has been completed. Action on preparation of final report has been initiated by the consultant engaged for the purpose.

#### **Raid by Income Tax**

3616. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of raids conducted by the Income Tax authorities in different States during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints regarding undue harassment by Income-tax officers during the course of above raids;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The State wise details of raids conducted by the I.T. authorities during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) to (d) Whenever the complaints are received, the same are examined and appropriate administrative measures are taken.

#### **STATEMENT**

State	No. of warrants executed		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Assam	113	12	—
2. Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3. Andhra Pradesh	378	385	411
4. Bihar	119	101	87
5. Delhi	746	614	642
6. Gujarat	648	531	521
7. Goa	12	1	5
8. Haryana	54	94	38
9. Himachal Pradesh	12	7	7
10. Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—
11. Karnataka	175	197	230
12. Kerala	145	112	143
13. Madhya Pradesh	103	58	187
14. Maharashtra	1010	1090	954
15. Manipur	—	—	—
16. Meghalaya	—	—	—
17. Mizoram	—	—	—
18. Nagaland	—	—	—
19. Orissa	25	10	—
20. Punjab	345	406	304
21. Rajasthan	143	162	21
22. Sikkim	—	—	—
23. Tamil Nadu	341	315	439
24. Tripura	—	8	—
25. Uttar Pradesh	192	228	133
26. West Bengal	447	497	489
27. Pondicherry	18	2	—
Total	5026	4830	4612